THE BRETHREN EVANGELIST.

The News.

The devastation by prairie fire from Fargo to Bismark, Dak., far surpasse the destruction of any previous year. Hundreds of wheat crops were swept out of existence. The amount of wheat burned in northern Dakota durthe past week is immense. It is estimated that the entire crops of one hundred farms between Jamestown and Bismark were destroyed.

Of the 84,000 newspapers of the world, nearly 32,000 are published in Europe and North America, leaving little over 2,000 for the rest of the world South America only issues sufficient to allow each of its inhabitants three newspapers a year-exhibiting the curious contrast in this, as in all else, between the great northern and southern continents.

An ingenious mode of smuggling was discovered by custom officials at Hull, England, recently. While some supposed heavy beams of timber were being unloaded by means of a crane, one beam struck the quay with enough force to split it open, thus showing that it had been hollowed out and the space filled with tobacco and cigars. A custom officer being on hand at the time immediately siezed the cargo and placed the crew under arrest.

The 250th aniversary of the incorporation of Concord as a town, was ushered in on the morning of the 12th. at sunrise with the ringing of bells and the firing of a salute of 115 guns. One feature of the celebration was a procession which was reviewed by Governor Robinson. Among the invited guests were Hon. Geo. F. Hoar, Hon. W. M. Evarts, George William Curtis, and James Russell Lowell.

The preparations for the final work of blowing up the rocky channel in Hell Gate, which was begun by Engineer Newton, are rapidly nearing completion, and it promises to be an event of no slight magnitude. The tunneling is already completed and the work of laying the cartridges is now going on. It will require two hundred and fifty thousand pounds of rockarock explosive, which is far more powerful than giant powder, and seventy-five thousand of dynamite to perform the operation.

The new postal card has just been issued. The vignette of Thomas Jefferson, with his hair parted in the middle, takes the place of the pictof the unknown woman, ure from whose brow the stars are transferred to a bar on the new card, with one star on top. The declaration of the old card that "nothing but the address can be placed on this side," is somewhat improved by the assertion on the new card; "Nothing but the address to be placed on this side." This would be complete if it were only added: "This side up with care, when-you address the card."

The Canadian authorities are moving toward the purchase of the land adjoining Niagara' Falls on their side of the River, and dedicating them as a public Park, as the State of New York has done on the American side. A commission has lately visited Niagara to ascertain the exact condition of affairs there, and report to the Government of Ontario. It may now be expected that the lands on the Canadian shore will ere long be free to the public as those on our shore already

It takes eighty men and women to a postage stamp. First the white paper is cut into sheets, each large enough for hundred stamps. The stamps on each sheet are counted twenty-six times to make sure the number is correct. The printer counts and passes the sheets to the gummer, the gummer gums the back and having counted, gives it to the perforator, who divides the stamps by rows of little holes, not forgetting to count. It is surprising how fast the hands can work. Seven hundred million postage stamps are made every year in the U. S. New York City uses a million a month. Advices from Pittsburgh stated there is an unprecedented boom in the steel rail industry from the workingman's standpoint, but it is not so considered by manufacturers, owing to the low price at which orders have been booked during the summer months. Thomas M. Cargenie, of the Edgar Thomsons Steel Works, says that all the steel rail mills in the country are running to the fullest capacity, with enough orders to keep them busy till the remainder of the year. He does not believe that there is a firm in the country that cannot fill an order for immediate delivery. The market is firm, and prices have advanced to \$30.

A strange state of affairs was dis covered Sept. 20, by the persons attending Wesley chapel, Cecil Co., Md., a swarm of bees having taken possess ion of the church. It appears that for some time the swarm has been located in the building above the ceiling, and that some person in search of honey battered the ceiling ni order to get at it. As the bees which had escaped into the church, would not leave, the services for the day had to be abandoned.

For many years the population of Ireland has been decreasing. In 1801 t was 5,395,456; in 1841 it was 8,175,-124; in 1881 it was 5,176,836, and now according to "statistics just gathered" it is less than 5,000,000. Surely there must be much that is radically wrong in the government of that country, and its industries and education and ecclesiastical condition.

Cakes Without Eggs.

In a little book just issued from the press of Scribner & Welford, New York, a large number of practical, yet novel receipts are given for making cakes of various kinds-from the informal gridle cake to the stately bridal cake, without eggs, by the use of Royal Baking Powder. Experienced house keepers inform us that this method has already obtained large precedence over the old fashioned way in economical kitchens, and that the product is frequently superior to that where eggs are used, and that less butter is also required for shortening purposes. The advantage is not alone in the saving effected, but in the avoidance of the trouble attendant upon securing fresh eggs and the annoyance of a cake being spoiled, by the occasional introduction of an egg that has reached too near the incubatory period. The Royal Baking Powder also invariably insures perfectly light, sweet and handsome cake, or when used for gridle cakes to be eaten hot, enables their production in the shortest possible space of time, and makes them most tender and delicious, as well as entirely wholesome. There is no other preparation like it.

Fell Asleep.

Sister Mildred E. Raish, wife of Bro. John B. Raish fell asleep near Harrisonburg, Va., Sept. 15, 1885. The time allotted her in this life 44 years and 4 days.

She was a consistent member of the Brethran church; few are found so faithful to her Master as was sister Raish. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn her loss. She was greatly respected by all who knew We believe that she died in full her. hope of that glorious rest that awaits the people of God. She bore her protracted illness, namely consumption, with true Christian fortitude. Her loss will be greatly felt by all who knew her. Her remains were followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of sympathizing friends. May the bereft husband and family not mourn as those that have no hope,

Farewell dear husband and children, too, My mother and friends bid adieu, I launch my boat upon the sea, This land is not the land for me.

When you unto my grave do go, A gloomy place you all well know. I say to you who stand and view. Prepare to meet me in the last day.

J. BOWMAN.

THE HOUSEHOLD BEACON for Sept. is at hand. Its columns are replete with information of interest to every lady in the land. It is a paper that must be seen to be appreciated. Ladies send your address on a postal card and receive a sample copy. Address, The Household Beacon, South Whitley, Ind.

EUREKA RECITATIONS .- We have just received from the publishers a copy of a new series of recitations called the Eureka Recitations and Readings." It is a very good collection and has been compiled and prepared by Mrs. Anna Randall-Diehl, whose reputation as a writer on standard works of Elocution, and also as a teacher of the art, is second to none. It is especially adapted for day and Sabbath Schools all adult and juvenile organizations, etc. They comprise prose and poetry serious, humorous, comic, temperance, and patriotic. All those who are interested in providing an entertainment should have this collection. The very low price asked for these books must insure a large sale. Each one contains 128 pages, and is bound with a handsome lithograph cover printed in four colors, and will be mailed postpaid to any address on receipt of 12 cents in stamps, by J. S. Ogilve & Co., the publishers, 31 Rose St., New York.

TREASURE-TROVE, the bright young people's monthly has united with the Pupil's Companion, and will be known as the Treasure-Trove and Pupil's Companion. Among its September attractions are a story of War Times, by Elizabeth P. Allen; A Memorial Kettle, by Mary E. Wilkins; The Lesson of Gen. Grant's Career, by Wolstan Dixey; The Secret of Success by Jerome Allan, and a story of hidden gold by John R. Dennis. It also has the opening of two splendid Serials, The Winborough Boys, and Candalaria, a story for girls. Added to this is much that is eminently instructive and helpful. It well deserves the remark of Edward Everett Hale, who says, "In Treasure-Trove I always find something valuable." Although, popular in character, it has had special success in schools as a supplementary reader and as an aid in school studies. The magazine is abundantly illustrated, and has 36 large pages, including handsome cover. Price one dollar a year. Published by E. L. Kellogg & Co., New York.







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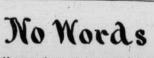
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